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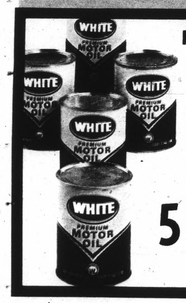
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Father Darkleaf

by
Calvin Robinson

A bleak, wintry Monday morning on Martha Street. Streets have been opened, but ice and sleet make travel inadvisable and overhead the prospect leaves no room for doubt that Winter is King. Ah yes, from every window, the view suggests Main street at the North Pole. 'Tis as white as a new-gift bedsheet. As white as the inside of an Eskimo pie. No time to get within sneezing distance. And to think that a week ago, I was writing of my joy at receiving three seed catalogs and of garden plans. Today I will settle for ways to get shed of a dripping head cold. A friend cleared our front porch and sidewalk, but there is no chance of moving our veteran car until Old Sol chips in a lot of sunshine. No school today, and have seen a few sleighs. Yes, and yesterday I saw a double snowman creation a big one and a little one alongside. Let us salute those who manage to get jobs done, farmers who have chores that cannot be put off, and doctors, druggists, firemen, rescue squadman, mail carriers, food store employees and all those who manage, somehow, to get necessary work done. And that includes the staff of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

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On Wednesday, the Sun is scheduled to rise at 7:08 and set at 5:14. Hope the skies will clear so we can say "hello".

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History reminder...January features the birthdays of Robt. E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Matthew Fontaine Maury, three great Southern leaders.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Childers, of Martha Street, were telling me about their son, Clyde, now of Woodbridge, Va., who has his own band group, furnished good music in Northern Virginia. Back in the early 1950's when I was doing a radio program in Lynchburg, I remember having Clyde as my guest on one occasion and he entertained with a fine sample of his musical talent. Wish you luck, Clyde.

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When winter weather prevails, the telephones are kept busy. Friends checking with friends to see if they are making out with the added things to be done. That is good, and it is nice to know that "somebody cares."

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Just before Sunday's Super Bowl football game started, I announced to Brightleaf that The Oakland Raiders would win. And so they did, as one of the nation's largest TV audiences looked on. There were some 106,000 at the game. Wow.

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This is a good time to use the advertising columns. People have time to read all the ads in the paper and plan their purchases. I find that more and more customers are going to a store with their shopping list. That means that they have planned their purchases. Also, certainly in my case, an attractive display or special bargain will gain your attention and you will come home with a bit extra in your shopping bag.

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Wonder how you are coming along with your New Year resolutions and diary. Many such do not survive January.

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That wraps it up, and I recall the words of a famous English poet..."O Wind, If Winter Comes, Can Spring be far behind". I am ready.

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A special blessing upon the shut-ins and those unable to follow active routines these winter days. Remember them with a card or call.

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Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Radioactivity Survey Of Rocks In Central Virginia

An aeroradioactivity survey that covers 2,280 square miles in central Virginia has just been released by the Virginia Division of Mineral Resources, according to Dr. James L. Calver, Commissioner of Mineral Resources and State Geologist. Information is illustrated on all or portions of the following 15-minute quadrangle maps, scale 1:62,500: Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlottesville, Lovingston, Madison, Scottsville, Shipman, Stony Man, University, and Waynesboro. These quadrangles cover parts of Albermarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Buckingham, Campbell, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Page, and Rappahannock counties.

As a continuing program to provide airborne radiometric date this survey accomplished in 1976 is a westward extension of work completed in 1974 for east-central Virginia.

The survey was flown at 500 feet above terrain in an east-west direction with flight lines one-half mile apart. A gamma-ray spectrometer was utilized to record the total counts per second as well as the individual responses of potassium, thorium, and uranium. Radioactivity maps are very useful in determining possible occurrences of uranium. The results procured from radioacitivity surveys are especially useful in geologic mapping.

The contour maps (total count field with major radioactive elements shown), which are on open file in the Division's library at Charlottesville, are available for reference use. These maps at a scale of 1:62,500 are available as ozalid copies for $5.20 each from the Virginia Division of Mineral Resources, Box 3667, Charlottesville, Va. 22903. An ozalid composite copy of the total survey at the scale of 1:250,000 is available for $10.40.

Town Council Sets Public Hearings

Public hearings were approved by the Appomattox Town Council at its Monday night meeting.

A Public Hearing will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 1977 and at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 1977 at the Appomattox Town Hall for the purpose of considering application for additional federal funding for the Appomattox Downtown Redevelopment Project.

A Public Hearing for the purpose of considering application for additional federal funding for construction of a supply line from the proposed water storage facilities on Route 26 to the existing water supply lines in Town will be held in the Appomattox Town Hall at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 1977 and again on Friday, January 14, 1977 at 2 P.M.

In other business, council authorized May-Hines Associates of Farmville to prepare papers for Step II grant for sewer plant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency. This is being handled through the State Water Control Board.

Mayor H. B. Pack sent to the Appomattox Planning Commission the comprehensive plan for review and update. It will be returned to council for approval.

W. R. Britton, Jr., Appomattox Town Manager, was appointed by council to represent the Town of Appomattox on the Central Virginia Planning Commission.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CHANGE MEETING DATE

Appomattox County Friends of the Library have changed the date of their meeting and will now meet on Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the library.

Mrs. Clyde Nash will assume duties as President. Other officers for the new year are Mrs. Walter E. Ferrell, vice President; Mrs. Richard Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Horace Folks, Treasurer; and Mrs. D. O. Kepler, Historian.

All members and expected members are expected to be present to formulate plans for the new year.

A bird display and bird books are on exhibit in the library. Children as well as adults will find this especially appealing.

Won't you visit your library?

A Snow Dinosaur

With the recently fallen snow, the Rev. H. C. Crabtree and his two sons, Wesley and Mike, decided not to build a "just another snowman" - they built a dinosaur with snow instead. Rev. Crabtree's daughter, Kimberly, helped with the dinosaur but was not available for the photo. Their next project is to build "King Kong" out of snow, should be interesting.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at Maudes Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

Walter Akers, Assistant Executive Director of the Virginia State Sheriff's Association, will be guest speaker for the evening.

All members will want to be present.

Commissioner Will Assist With State Income Tax Forms

Effective immediately, the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue of Appomattox County will be assisting individuals with the completion of State income tax forms on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

On Wednesday of each week, which will be set aside for auditing, business other than assistance with income tax forms will be conducted as usual.

First Rabies Clinic Set For January 21

The first 1977 Rabies Dog Vaccination clinic for Appomattox County will be held on Friday, January 21st from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Animal Hospital located on Route 460 West of Appomattox

State Law requires a certificate of vaccinatin before Dog Licenses may be purchased. Fee for vaccination of each dog will be $3.00.

According to Dr. W. M. Burger, Jr., four other clinics (plus one for a snow date) will be held within the county. Dates and locations of other clinics will be found in an advertisement on another page of this issue of the TIMES - VIRGINIAN. Notices will be published weekly.

Local Rescue Squad Answers 45 December Calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 45 emergency calls during the month of December of 1976.

Heart attacks topped the list of calls with seven. All seven patients were monitored on the EKG en route to the hospital and were given oxygen. Six persons were treated for personal injury in three automobile accidents and taken to doctor or to hospital.

In answering the 45 emergency calls, members of the local resuce squad spent 176 1/4 manhours and travelled a total of 2370 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: transports by doctor request, 6; drunks, 2; heart attacks, 7; dead on arrival,2; burns, 1; illness, 5; wrecks, 3; spinal cord injury,1; breathing difficulty, 3; back ache, 1; broken bones, 3; convulsions, 1; bleeding ulcer, 1; reaction to medication, 1; overdose, 1; stroke, 1; knee injury, 1; maternity, 1; false, 1; home accident, 1; stab wound, 1; and 1 home accident.

Officers for the new year have been elected and were installed January 2, 1977 at a dinner meeting held at the Squad building. James A. Smith, Appomattox County Extension Agent, was the installing officer.

New officers to serve for 1977 are: President, Anderson Scruggs; Vice President, Harry Ferguson, Jr.; Board of Governors member, Paul Doss; Captain, James C. Rogers; training Officer, Ray Noble; Communications Officer, Gordon Staples; 1st Lieutenant, Paul O. Doss; 2nd Lieutenant Senior, Abner Scruggs; 2nd Lieutenant Junior, Nellie Almond; Sergeant of Motor Pool, James Carter; Sergeant of Building and Grounds, James Womack; Secretary, Doug Seamster; and Treasurer is Toby Inge.

Legal Advisor for the squad is Watkins M. Abbitt and Medical Advisors are Dr. A. A. Fratrick, Dr. J. A. Mathews, and Dr. C. G. O'Brien.

Adult AG Mechanics Class To Begin

The adult Farm Mechanics Class for 1977 will begin Tuesday January 18, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. at the Appomattox Middle School Ag Building. The class which will operate on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 has an enrollment fee of $5.00. If there are any questions concerning the class call the Appomattox Middle School Agriculture Department at 352-5390.

Special /Vocational Educational Plans Reviewed By School Board

The Appomattox County School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 10, 1977 at 3:00 P.M. in the School Board Office. A number of items were discussed and acted upon by the Board.

Quotations were received by the Board on school bus bodies and chassis. Moses Motor Company had the low bid on four bus chassis of $24,788. A low bid on four bus bodies of $20,800 was submitted by Sonny Merryman, Inc. The School Board accepted the low bids.

Reviewing the six-year special education plan, it was pointed out that the program is serving one hundred eighty-two children during this school session. The only change anticipated in services for next year is the addition of a program for pupils identified with learning disabilities. Approximately one-half of the financial support for the program will come from the state.

Coordinator of special education for the county is Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor. She is responsible for the development of the six-year plan, in cooperation with an advisory committee, and the supervision of the total program.

Reviewing the five-year plan for vocational education, Richard Carter, Director of Vocational Education, stated that no additional programs are planned for the 1977 - 78 school session. The plan is an outline for improving present programs. In 1977-78 emphasis will be in the area of occupation counseling and job placement. The purpose of this approach is to help students decide upon a career, to take the appropriate courses in high school to prepare for the chosen career, and to obtain employment in the field for which preparation was made or a related field. The Board approved the five-year plan.

The Board heard a report of the Drug Education Committee which met on December 20, 1976. Dr. A. A. Fratrick, School Board Chairman, told the Board that he was pleased with the work of the committee. "All members of the committee are interested in drug education and are willing to assist the schools in developing and implementing programs which will help students practice good health habits, self-discipline and responsible citizenship," he said.

Revisions in policies related to special education were reviewed by the Board. These changes and revisions are required by State and Federal Statutes. Areas of policy included in the revisions relate to free and appropriate special education programs, a child find procedure, personnel development and a systematic program of consultation with parents or guardians of special education children.

Official action of the Board relative to the policy changes and additions will occur at the next meeting, scheduled February 10, 1977.

The superintendent presented a financial report to the Board. Expenditures through January, 1977 amount to $1,559,766. Commitments in personnel and debt service for the period February through June 30, 1977 amount to $1,214,087. Remaining for

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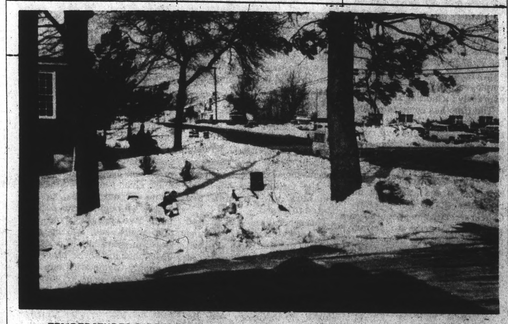

TEMPERATURES DIPPED INTO THE TEENS and under early this week following the five inch or more accumulation of snow that fell on Appomattox County Sunday and Monday morning. Major highways were cleared Monday but secondary roads were quite icy causing hazardous driving conditions throughout the county. Schools were closed Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and some area businesses were unable to open Monday. Average temperatures are below normal for this date.

Classes Planned For Pamplin Farmers

Two series of classes will be offered to farmers in the Pamplin area this year by the Agriculture Department at Appomattox County High School in cooperation with the Pamplin Ruritan Club. A special advisory committee which included B. C. Massey, E. N. Harvey, Alfred Jamerson, Jimmy Rosser, John Hix, and Donald Phillips met in November to plan these classes. All interested individuals in the area are invited to attend.

A Farm Machinery Repair Class will be offered on Monday Nights starting January 17 and continuing through May 30. These classes are scheduled from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. in the shop at Pamplin Elementery School. Any individual with items of equipment which need repair is welcome to use the facilities. Instructions will be provided also in arc and acetylene welding. Mr. Alfred Jamerson and Albert Carter will be the instructors for this class. A $5.00 registration fee will be collected and a nominal charge is made for materials used.

An Adult Farmer Discussion Class will be held on Thursday Nights starting February 3 and continuing through April 7. This series of classes will deal with current topics of interest to farmers such as: Selecting Seed Corn Varieties, Filing State And Federal Income Taxes, The Economic Outlook, and Farm Safety. No charge is made for this class and everyone is welcome to attend. The classes will meet in the Library at the Pamplin Elementery School and are scheduled from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

For further information concerning these two classes contact the Agriculture Department at Appomattox County High School. The phone number is 352-7146.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO MEET AT ACHS

A meeting of the Appomattox County High School Community Volunteers will be held Thursday, January 13th. at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Library. All community areas are urged to have a representative present to help in planning and participating in programs of community involvement in educational enrichment and recreational growth of our youth in school activities.

All programs will be sponsored and supervised by our dedicated school authorities.

Our youth need our support! Let them know your concern by your attendance.

Cloud Abernathy is president of the organization.

Crumbs For Thought

By 'Zeke'

Bernard Beruch once said, "Two things are bad for the heart - running up stairs, and running down people". We often heed the advice of "running up stairs", but since it takes so little physical effort, we often do not heed the advice of "running down people".

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice." Eph. 4:31.

Brownies Earn Badges For Magazine Subscription Sales

The Brownies of Troop 308 are shown proudly displaying the badges they were awarded in a recent magazine subscription sales campaign which earned $40 for their treasury. Those Brownies who sold one subscription and received a tin badge are Diane Banks, Lucy Christian, Janice Foster, Dawn Hancock, Ann Hancock, Cathy Johnson, Sue Mayberry, and Leigh Ann Taylor. Those Brownies who sold two or more subscriptions and received a tin badge and a cloth badge to be worn on the Brownie uniform are Kathy Beasley, Jennifer Elder, Terri Hancock, Kimberly Fuller, Valerie Guill, Wendy Harris, Amy Kerr, Anne Kerr, Arvis Knight, Jo Anna Layne, Dana Lee, Margie Lockner, Stefanie Martin, Wendy Mayberry, Ann Nolen, Cheryl Simpson, Emily Thompson, Valerie Waid, Kathy White, and Cheryl Wooten. Special mention goes to Anne Hancock and Ann Nolen for having the largest sales. Also pictured are Jeannice Bartlett, Valerie Garrett, Charlene Garrett, Jane Mayberry, Ann Mayberry, Monica Stratton and Sherry Vassar.

As a special treat part of the money the Brownies earned will be used to finance a visit to the newly opened Pizza Hut for the whole troop. They will be shown how to make a pizza, and each one will enjoy a slice of pizza and a drink.

The leaders of Troop 308 are Barbara Mayberry, Mildred Thompson, Thelma Knight, and Nancy Mayberry.